



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held February 10, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) reimbursement of State and local costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens is critically important to California and its counties, including the County of Los Angeles. Far more undocumented criminal aliens are incarcerated in State prisons and County jails in California than in the entire Federal prison system. Nationally, California alone accounts for about 40 percent of all State and local costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. Without adequate SCAAP reimbursement, the State and its counties must finance a greater share of criminal alien costs at a time when they are facing huge budget shortfalls. Of major concern, SCAAP currently is funded at a far lower level than in prior years when California’s finances were in better shape, and the President is proposing to eliminate SCAAP in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005.

“In 1998 through 2002, annual SCAAP appropriations averaged \$577 million. SCAAP, however, was cut to only \$250 million in 2003 and is funded at \$297 million in 2004. When SCAAP funding was cut to \$250 million in FFY 2003, the County’s SCAAP reimbursement fell from \$34 million in the prior year to less than \$11.5 million. This SCAAP funding loss directly endangers the public’s safety as it means that the County’s Sheriff has fewer resources for police protection, homeland security, and the incarceration of criminals.”

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

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After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was directed to prepare a five-signature letter to President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Joshua B. Bolten, Attorney General Ashcroft and California's Congressional Delegation in support of full reimbursement from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens.

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